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MEMORANDUM FOR: David Gries  
Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Council

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FROM: [REDACTED]  
Director, Planning and Policy Office, ICS

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SUBJECT: National Foreign Intelligence Strategy [REDACTED]

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1. This memorandum follows up our earlier telephone conversation and identifies initial areas where the NIC can help us with the revision of the National Foreign Intelligence Strategy. [REDACTED]

2. First, the View of the World, which we discussed at some length in our call. I got your outline today and look forward to seeing the first draft. In looking over the outline, I think you might add some discussion of the effect that international trade and economic issues may have on security and intelligence matters. This might best fit under key global issues, using a title like "the impact of international economic competition." We need a relatively smooth version by the morning of 29 August and a final text by 12 September. The field of view should be the next five to ten years. [REDACTED]

3. Second, we would like to get a top-level view of what you believe the substantive NIC production requirements will be for the period of interest. This should be a very brief paper that selectively discusses the most important requirements you will have to fill. The number of topics should not exceed five to 10, and each should carry no more than a paragraph of explanation. We also need this paper by the morning of 29 August. [REDACTED]

4. Finally, we ask for your assessment of NIC capabilities vis a vis the requirements you identify. We do not need this paper until the morning of 19 September. At the beginning of September we will pass you a list of requirements and concerns identified by other Community members that you may consider along with your own list. In your assessment you ought to address both substantive analytical gaps (collection, data bases, access, and so on) and infrastructure concerns (linguists, analysts, technical skill levels, and so on). Again, please be selective and keep the five to ten year period in mind. [REDACTED]

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5. The NIC's contributions will be a critical part of this effort and your assistance is appreciated. Please call me at [REDACTED] if you have any questions. [REDACTED]

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